

JOYFUL MULTITUDES GREET VACATION

Bid a Ninety-Day Farewell
to Books and Study.

Forty Thousand are Happy

Teachers Welcome Rest as Pupils Do
Recreation—Lively Scenes in Front of
School Houses—Girls Nearly All Ar-
rayed in White—Exercises Tonight.

All juvenile Washington is rejoicing because of the schools' closing. This morning over 40,000 boys and girls, attired in their prettiest clothes, were sent happily forth upon that most joyful of all seasons in the eyes of school children—summer vacation. For three months they will be care-free and without the nightmare of terrible examinations hanging over their heads. The teachers also are free, and they are as glad of it as their pupils.

Between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning the streets in all parts of the city were thronged with youngsters dressed in their very best clothes and many of them carrying flowers. The girls were mostly in white and scarcely one of them but what looked as neat and pretty as though she had just stepped out of a millinery shop. The boys, too, were arrayed in their best Sunday clothes and looked cool and comfortable in their clean white shirt waists.

Greatest Day of the Year.
For all of them the day was one of the greatest occasions of the year. The little folks appeared to be perfectly happy and rejoiced in the fact that lessons were for them a thing of the past until next September. They danced and shouted about in front of the school buildings and in the play yards and contrived to have a thoroughly good time wherever they went. The teachers indulged them largely and refrained as much as possible from placing the rod of restraint upon the little folks and their pleasure.

Indeed the pedagogues were as glad as the pupils to sit and watch the merriment, for the holiday of the pupils means weeks of much-needed rest to them. The recent warm spell particularly has done much to make their work a burden, as it made the children listless and prone to neglect their work, and necessitated additional labors on the part of the teachers to oblige them to finish the prescribed course before the end of the year.

Entertained in Study Halls.
In nearly all of the school short entertainments by the pupils were held. All the songs learned during the year were sung and pretty little games arranged.

One of the most enjoyable features of the close of school in the higher grades, the seventh and eighth particularly, was the annual ice cream and cake feast among the girls of the cooking classes. All during the year the future housekeepers are taught to cook and make cake and desserts of all sorts. At the close of school the girls are usually privileged to eat the cakes and other pastries they have baked during the week. Sometimes a collection is taken up among the young ladies and enough money raised to provide the materials necessary for making a large freezer of ice cream. This the girls consume with great relish, evidently enjoying their own efforts as cooks.

All Work Cast to the Winds.
No work of any sort was indulged in by the school children today. Aside from their little entertainments and other merrymaking affairs they merely passed through the formality of being dismissed from school.

Tonight will also witness the last of the high school courses for the school year just passed. All of the five high schools have held their class night exercises, and one, the Business school, has had its commencement exercises. Tonight at Convention Hall the Central, Eastern, Technical, and Western High Schools will hold their graduating ceremonies and will bring the public school term in the Capital to a complete close.

RICHMOND BATTLE ABBEY.

Sum of \$120,000 Raised by Confederate Organization for Its Erection.

RICHMOND, Va., June 18.—The question of merging the Battle Abbey Association and the Confederate Memorial Association has been settled. At a meeting held yesterday reports showed that the Battle Abbey Association has collected \$80,000 and that the late Charles Broadway House, of New York, gave a similar amount. It is the expectation of the association to increase these two amounts to \$150,000, with which it is proposed to erect the abbey here as already agreed upon.

A committee was appointed, consisting of ladies prominently identified socially and with Confederate societies, to aid in collecting the money needed.

While it is scarcely probable that the Jefferson Davis mansion, which is now under the control of the Confederate Memorial Association, can be used as any part of the abbey, the two organizations can operate on the same lines and in unison, which they will do.

A GREAT COTTON MILL ENTERPRISE PROJECTED

Immense Plant to Be Constructed at Greensboro, N. C.

GREENSBORO, N. C., June 18.—Moses and Caesar Cone, large mill and real estate owners in this State, announce their purchase of 1,600 acres of land adjoining this city, on which they will at once begin the erection of another cotton factory and mill village. The contract has been awarded for 15,000,000 brick to build with. The mill will make blue denim goods exclusively and will be the largest plant of the kind on earth. There will be 20,000 spindles and 3,000 looms in operation, employing 3,000 operatives. The power will be supplied by a 2,500-horsepower engine. Material and supplies have already been contracted for and the estimated time required for completing the building is one year.

The mill will be in the neighborhood of the two large cotton mills here, of Proximity and Revolution and will be furnished with water from the same dam. It is one mile from the city and from the large fishing mill. The Cones are the principal stockholders in this latest mill, and Messrs. Cone give out that the company has secured out of the building and equipping of the plant ready to begin operations will cost \$1,250,000 and are thoroughly prepared to carry it to a finish.

AN ALARM OF WARNING MADE BY A PET PIGEON

Its Fluttering Gives Notice of a Thief on Premises.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., June 18.—Because Theodore Welsh, an assistant in the city treasurer's office, neglected to heed the warning given by a pet carrier pigeon early yesterday morning, his house was robbed by a thief, who effected an escape. The pigeon was a particular pet of Mr. Welsh's and was one of a covey which he keeps at his home on Marlton Avenue, Highland Park.

About 2:30 o'clock Mr. Welsh was awakened by the fluttering of the pigeon against his bedroom window. He thought this action strange, but did not arise. The pigeon finally flew away. Shortly afterward Mr. Welsh heard a crash and hurried downstairs. Investigation showed that the man had overturned a box in the pigeon cote, which had alarmed the pet bird.

The thief had used the box to stand on to open the window. After getting in the room the thief rifled Mrs. Welsh's pocketbook and started for the upper rooms, but Mr. Welsh's movements alarmed him and he fled.

LONDON GOSSIPS OF MANY CABINET CHANGES

Salisbury to Resign and Be Succeeded by Balfour.

LONDON, June 18.—"Truth" today prints a club story, which is actively going the rounds, to the effect that members of the cabinet have made arrangements for Premier Salisbury's resignation.

The Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, the government leader in the House of Commons, the story has it, will succeed Salisbury as premier, and will remain in the House. Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Michael Hicks-Beach; Lord Ashbourne, lord lieutenant of Ireland; Lord James, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Lord George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, will be asked to resign.

The new cabinet, according to the report, will include George Wyndham, chief secretary for Ireland, and Colonial Secretary Chamberlain.

DISSOLUTION OF FIRM OF DYRENFORTH & CO.

Mr. E. M. Dyrenforth, junior member of the firm of M. Dyrenforth & Co., clothing and furnishing, 923 Pennsylvania Avenue, has withdrawn his interest in the business, and the store will be conducted in the future under the sole management of Mr. Mitchell Dyrenforth.

In order to effect a speedy cash settlement it has been determined to close out the present stock of men's high-grade summer clothing at an unusual discount, and the sale began today.

The house of M. Dyrenforth & Co. has long been popular among men who appreciate high-grade garments, and the news that their clothing stock is to be disposed of at forced sale will doubtless attract throngs of buyers.

Captain General Molto Dead.

MADRID, June 18.—Captain General Molto died today as the result of injuries received by being unhorsed during the military review incident to the King Alfonso coronation.

BIG POWER PLANT FOR THE POTOMAC RIVER

Blair Capitalists Propose to Utilize Waste Energy and Supply Towns With Electricity.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., June 18.—The project of the Blair capitalists, who propose to develop a power plant at Dam No. 5 in the Potomac River, is attracting much attention.

The dam is about fifteen miles west of Hagerstown. It is a well of solid masonry, 1,100 feet long, with a 24-foot head and a fall of 22 feet of water. There are now in position at the dam three immense turbine wheels, which were formerly used by the pulp mills, now idle. The directors of the pulp mills represent the promoters of the power plant.

Superintendent Shoemaker says the plant will be able to furnish electric power to Martinsburg, Hagerstown, Williamsport, Hancock, Shepherdstown, and Winchester. The promoters propose operating street car lines and establishing lighting plants in the various towns. The project includes a trolley road from Martinsburg to the Potomac River, there to connect with the Williamsport branch of the Hagerstown electric railway.

Work on the plant at the dam has already begun. Engineers yesterday began to lay off a pole line from the dam to Martinsburg, where the steam power plant will be dismantled at once, and in its place will be erected an emergency station.

LOST \$500 BILL MAY YET CAUSE LAWSUIT

It is Supposed to Have Been Picked Up Along Street.

Two advertisements, which have a bearing on each other and which appeared in the "lost and found" column of a local newspaper yesterday, are causing much gossip. The first set forth that a \$500 bill had been lost Saturday on F Street, between the Washington Loan and Trust Company and Crane, Parris & Co., and the Union Storage and Trust Company by a young man to whom the money was entrusted. It was stated also that a liberal reward would be paid if the same was returned to the receiving teller of Crane, Parris & Co.

Following is the other notice printed just above the one announcing the loss of the \$500 bill:

"Lost—The man who had the \$500 bill changed into five \$100 bills at Riggs Bank on Saturday has been identified, and he will save himself trouble by depositing same with the cashier."

Inquiry last night developed the fact that the money had not been lost by Crane, Parris & Co., but by a young man employed at one of the F Street brokerage offices. The young man had changed a large note with the firm and dropped the \$500 bill while transacting other business along the street. He did not miss it until he entered his home office, but a search of the route he had traveled failed to bring forth the missing \$500.

During the afternoon, however, another man, who is said to be quite prominent, had a \$500 note changed at the Riggs National Bank. As it is even more unusual to see a \$500 note than a \$1,000 bill, the cashier noticed the man closely. On hearing of the loss of the \$500 it was assumed that the man had found the money.

It is believed that legal action may be taken, provided the money is not returned.

MODELS OF WARSHIPS BACK IN WASHINGTON

Returned From Charleston Where They Were on Exhibition.

The beautiful models of warships which belong in the corridors of the Navy Department have arrived at the navy yard in this city from Charleston, where they have been on exhibition. They will immediately be placed in their old places in the Navy Department, and as Secretary Moody is averse to lending them it is probable that they will not again leave the department until they are sent to the St. Louis Exposition.

Recently the Secretary of the Navy has received many requests from semi-private organizations all over the country for the loan of these models, but all such applications have uniformly been denied.

Movements of Warships.

The tug Potomac has arrived at San Juan, Porto Rico, with Louis H. Ayme, United States consul at Guadeloupe, on board; the collier Leonidas at San Juan; the training ship and transport Buffalo at Gibraltar, and the cruiser Atlantic at Buenos Ayres. The gunboat Yorktown has sailed from Yokohama for Cavite, the flagship New York (Rear Admiral Rodgers) from Chifoo (Rear Admiral) from Manila, and the cruiser Takeke, the tug Standish from Annapolis for Norfolk, the torpedo boat McKee from Newport for New York, and the cruiser ship Essex from Norfolk for Newport.

MR. FOULKE REPLIES TO A SECOND CRITIC

Civil Service Commissioner Again Wields His Pen.

ANSWER FILLED WITH IRONY

Writer of Famous "Crab Letter" Expresses His Undying Admiration to an Indiana Man for His Unsolicited Admonition Relative to Civil Service.

Civil Service Commissioner William Dudley Foulke has written to Samuel B. Hoefgen, of Crawfordsville, Ind., a Democrat and dissenter, a remarkable communication which promises to attract more attention than the publication of his now famous "Crab letter" did some time ago.

Mr. Foulke's previous effort, which was in answer to a criticism of the President as a civil service advocate, and of the Civil Service Commission as its representative, created some little amusement in official circles in Washington, as it differed widely from the form of communications usually sent when any are sent at all—to those who write to criticize the actions of Government officers.

Compared to a Crab.
In that letter Mr. Foulke said there was just about as much sense in his critic's attitude as there was in the celebrated definition of a crab—a small red fish that walks backwards—and followed this happy introduction with about 2,000 words of wit, humor, and satire, such as very rarely passes through the regular channels of official correspondence. It was Mr. Foulke's first effort in this line and he was highly complimented, although there were those who did not think his manner of reply was in keeping with the dignity of his office. But Foulke's friends credited adverse criticisms to a spirit of envy and complimented him all the more highly.

So the Commissioner lay for another chance to—as one Government official expressed it—"trip airily through the maze of light and airy persiflage"—and the other day he got it when he received the following letter from Mr. Hoefgen:

Mr. Hoefgen's Letter.

"Crawfordsville, Ind., May 24, 1902.

"Mr. Foulke, Civil Service Commissioner, Washington, D. C.:
"Dear Sir: My views as to civil service reform are that if Mr. Roosevelt were a candidate for President and Mr. Bryan were the opposing candidate, and civil service reform was the paramount issue, I would vote for Mr. Roosevelt. As President I do not condemn him for selecting 1,000 of the clerks in the Census Bureau to carry on the work of the bureau for the present, and later at a certain date putting the bureau under the civil service rules. What I do condemn him for is the appointment of Payne as Postmaster General, and his appointment of Clarkson, of Iowa, as a customs house officer at New Decision.

Doesn't Like Bonnell Decision.
"Your own appointment gratified me eminently, but I do not endorse your decision in the Bonnell case. He offended in one of the most important provisions of the law. He lives here, and is active in the management of the party, and is as much entitled as anyone to be classed as head cook and bottle washer."

"It is my opinion that you cannot make many such decisions as the Bonnell case without losing your influence as a civil service reformer. I do not wish to be understood as being unfriendly to Mr. Bonnell, for as a man and citizen of the town he stands well with his fellow-citizens. But he may very properly be classed as one who needs to be placed under the restraining influence of the civil service law in office. Respectfully yours,

"SAMUEL B. HOEFGEN."

Mr. Foulke's Reply.

Mr. Foulke replied as follows:

"Dear Sir: I thank you for the kind interest displayed in your letter of May 24, and for your philanthropic efforts to keep me in the path of righteousness. These delicate reminders, which thus come forth spontaneously out of the everywhere ought to make us who claim to be civil service reformers good whenever our hearts may incline to wickedness."

"Let me congratulate you upon the deep discernment which would prefer Mr. Roosevelt to Mr. Bryan if civil service reform was the paramount issue, and also for the purity which leads you not to condemn the President for selecting one thousand clerks in the Census Bureau."

Cloud Has a Silver Lining.

"I feel that it is a pity the President could not have had the benefit of your valuable advice to warn him against the appointment of such a spoilsman as you declare 'Postmaster General' Payne to be. Even the cloud of such an appointment, however, is not wholly without its silver lining, since this 'spoilsman' has announced a general policy in regard to the retention of fourth class postmasters which seems to me one of the most valuable contributions to the merit system yet made by any Cabinet officer, and leads me to hope that even Mr. Clarkson, whose appointment you also ap-

recate, may be found to be a conscientious administrator of the law.

An Unfortunate Habit.

"I am pleased to hear that my own appointment gratified you; but now, since I find that you do not endorse my 'decision' in the Bonnell case, I feel in doubt how much longer I ought to stay in office. It is greatly to be regretted that the narrow scope of legal evidence did not permit me to consider the fact mentioned by you that he was to be 'classed as head cook and bottle washer.' Your view of the subject would indicate that hereafter I ought to pay less attention to the evidence and more to the opinion of those who have not heard it. Unfortunately, a habit of mine, contracted through some years' experience in practicing in the courts, will still prevent my adopting that view, even though I incur the risk of 'losing' my influence. Nor do I understand how it is that Mr. Bonnell needs to be placed under the restraining influence of the civil service law when in office, if, according to your judgment in another part of your letter, he ought to be kicked out of office with consideration. 'I remain, with high consideration,

"Yours admirably,"
"WILLIAM D. FOULKE."

FUN AND PATHOS IN A PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Clearing N. Y. Custom House of Abandoned Goods.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Uncle Sam hung out the red flag at the public stores yesterday and began an old-fashioned auction of goods "abandoned" in the custom house. There were teas from Japan and India; silks and porcelain from China; Roman cheeses and bronzes from Italy; fake paintings, wines, and corsets from France; beer steins, pipes, and pickles from Germany; tobacco and arrack from Turkey, and real old Scotch from Scotland. England contributed London clothes and a featherbed.

The greater general interest centered in the paintings and etchings sent by beggar artists abroad to possible buyers here. A view of a corner grocery store in Rouen, consigned to J. Pierpont Morgan by the late Hiram H. Travers, sold for \$27.50, and six etchings sent to Mr. Carnegie by Emil Zolir brought \$18. Zolir begged Mr. Carnegie to take them off his hands for \$100.

There was considerable competition for a pair of lace-trimmed corsets marked "Viscount de Castellane." A fat man bought them for \$2.

A thin bald man and a fat bald man bid against each other for a bottle of real imported hair restorer. The fat man got it for a dollar. A good-natured German bid in a case of sample pickles for 50 cents and ate them on the spot.

MARINE BAND CONCERT AT THE CAPITOL TODAY

The Marine Band, under Director Santelemani, will play this afternoon at the Capitol. The program will be as follows: March, "True to the Flag"; Von Elm Overture, "Jubilee"; "Weber's Overture, 'Jubilee'"; "Desormes Seguedilla-allegretto. Andante. Moderato. Allegro vivo." Duet piccolo and Eb clarinet, "Concertino." Luigi Muscatelli, G. A. De Luca and A. De Vincenzi. Melodie in F. A. De Vincenzi. Rubinstein March, "Imperial Edward" (new). Sousa. Waltz, "Volunteers." Santelemani Selection, "Floradora." Stuart Patriotic air, "Hail, Columbia." Fyles.

Condition of Judge Cox.

The condition of Judge Walter S. Cox, who has been seriously ill for many weeks, is said to be entirely without change today. While no improvement has been noted, there have been no signs of a relapse.

GOOD ROAD TO CHICAGO FROM NEW YORK CITY

Association Formed in the Latter Place to Construct First Link of National Highway.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Practical work has at last been begun toward the construction of a national highway across the continent. On Monday night there was organized at the Bar Association, 44 West Forty-fourth Street, the New York and Chicago Road Association, the purpose of which is to effect the construction of a broad, smooth-surfaced road between the two cities.

A national highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific has been urged for years by prominent statesmen and good roads advocates, but this organization has plans that promise to yield results at least between the two cities named, and that will be the first and most important step toward the final realization of the much desired road from coast to coast.

The road now commonly used in traveling to Chicago, by way of Albany, Buffalo, and the Lake shores, is 957 miles long. The proposed route is 850 miles long, and of this distance about 400 miles is now represented by existing good roads.

It starts from Fort Lee, New Jersey, runs back of the Palisades to Newburgh, thence to Elmhurst, to Elmira, to Corning, Olean, and Jamestown, thence to Conneaut, Ohio, near the boundary line between New York and the Buckeye State, thence through Ohio by way of Cleveland, Elyria, and Sandusky, across northern Indiana by way of Goshen, South Bend, and Hammond, and from there into Chicago.

This is the most definite and seemingly the most practical step toward the establishment of a national highway since the national turnpike from Washington to St. Louis was begun in 1826. Vestiges of this old road are still to be found in Maryland and Ohio. The Mexican war in 1846 checked the work and after that the introduction of railroads put a permanent damper on it.

SOUTH AFRICA IN THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA

Kitchener Predicts Complete Reconciliation of Races.

PRETORIA, June 18.—Lord Kitchener today telegraphed to Messrs. Louis Botha, Delarey and Christian De Wet expressing to them his high appreciation of the unflinching energy and unflinching tact with which they have facilitated the work of himself and the high commissioner, and recognizing how much it is due to them that the burghers have accepted the changed conditions loyally.

He informed them that the King was greatly pleased at the manner in which the burghers had come in, and that the British people were deeply impressed and heartily anxious to welcome them as fellow-citizens. In conclusion, Lord Kitchener said:

"I am confident that a new era of complete reconciliation between all races has dawned in South Africa."

Made Despondent by Strike.

WILKESBARRE, June 18.—Despondent over his losses caused by the strike, Samuel Golsinger, a hotel-keeper, committed suicide yesterday morning. Since the strike began his business decreased daily, and he worried much over it. This morning he went into the cellar and shot himself.

ADVANCEMENT IN RANK FOR CAPTAINS IN NAVY

Several on the Roll to Be Made Rear Admiral.

Francis A. Cook Reaches That Grade Upon the Retirement of William C. Wise.

It is expected that Capt. William C. Wise, U. S. N., will apply for retirement as soon as he has been promoted to the rank of rear admiral, to which he is eligible. This will pave the way for the advancement of Capt. Francis A. Cook, who commanded the flagship Brooklyn in the West Indian campaign of 1898, and Capt. Purnell F. Harrington. As Captain Cook will become an additional number in the grade of rear admiral, having been advanced for war services, his promotion will not fill the vacancy created by Captain Wise's retirement, and Captain Harrington, a regular number, will be advanced to fill it. This will make Rear Admiral George W. Melville, who holds that title temporarily as chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, the senior captain of the line.

The promotion of Captain Cook will leave only one of the officers who commanded an armored cruiser in the Santiago battle in the grade of captain. This is Capt. French E. Chadwick. Cook has been jumped twice recently, the first time by Capt. Joseph D. Coghlan, who commanded the cruiser Boston in the battle of Manila Bay. Numbers lost by Coghlan under a court-martial sentence were restored to him by President Roosevelt, and this advanced him to the head of the captain's list and brought about his promotion to rear admiral almost immediately. The other officer who jumped Captain Cook is Capt. Charles E. Clark, the Oregon's commander, nominated yesterday to be a rear admiral. Clark stood next to Cook in the captain's list and Coghlan followed immediately after Clark.

PROSPECTIVE VISITORS FRIGHTENED BY PRICES

London Fears That Only a Small Number Will Attend Coronation

LONDON, June 18.—The papers today, commenting on the fact that the hopes of the vast crowds of Americans and others for the coronation have not been realized, attribute the small number here to the early announcement by the hotels of big prices. In consequence there are now ample accommodations for all who may arrive for the festivities. There has been a slump in the sale of seats for the celebration, and not only in seats, but in all lines of trade. Shopkeepers are complaining that they are doing less trade than usual at this time of the year.

Mr. Shaler's Condition Grave.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Superintendent Fisher, of the Presbyterian Hospital, where Ira J. Shaler, the tunnel contractor who was injured yesterday by a falling rock, is now, said this morning that there had been no radical change in Mr. Shaler's condition. The injured man's condition is as grave as could be possible in a living man. There is thought to be but little chance for his recovery.

Bay Ridge Opening June 19.

This delightful excursion resort on the Chesapeake Bay will open for the season on Thursday next. Special train from B. & O. Station 9:10 a. m. daily. Tickets good also on 11:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. trains.

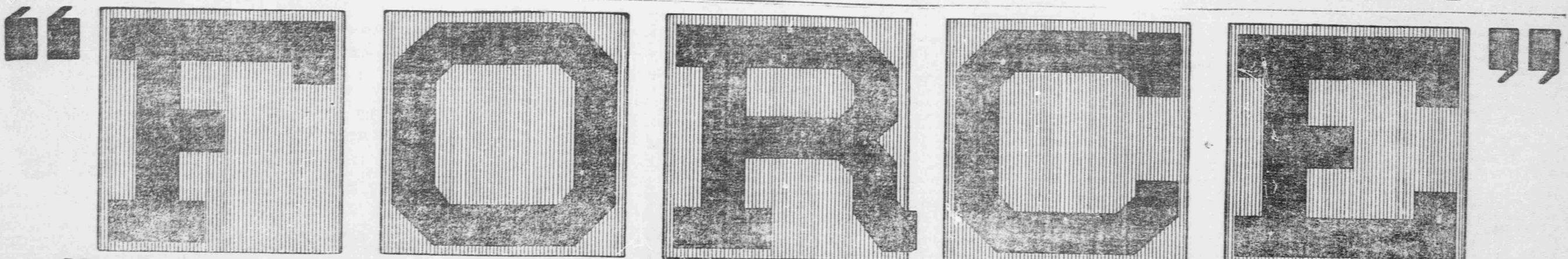
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